

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PARIS 30328 01 OF 02 171459Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 USIE-00 AID-05 CEA-01
CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 EA-12 FRB-01 INR-07 IO-14
NEA-10 NSAE-00 OPIC-06 SP-02 TRSE-00 LAB-04
SIL-01 AGRE-00 OMB-01 SS-15 SSO-00 INRE-00 NSCE-00
HEW-06 CU-06 L-03 /115 W
-----062294 171517Z /40

O 171500Z OCT 77
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0384

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 PARIS 30328

USOECD

DEPT PASS LABOR FOR METCALF; TREASURY AND CEA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ELAB, OECD
SUBJECT: PREPARATORY GROUP MEETING FOR HIGH LEVEL GROUP
CONFERENCE ON YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT, OCT. 20-21

REF: C/YU(77)4 - MAIN POLICY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE REFERENCED DOCUMENT IS
"TO ENABLE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO DECIDE WHETHER AND IF SO
ON WHAT BASIS POLICY ISSUES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE
MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY GROUP". THE SECRETARIAT IS
MINDFUL OF THE UNWILLINGNESS OF MANY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS
TO HAVE THE CONFERENCE COME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OR
CONCLUSIONS. THEREFORE, THE SECRETARIAT (GASS) BE-
LIEVES IT POSSIBLE THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETING MAY NOT
WANT THIS KIND OF PAPER BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, EXCEPT
PERHAPS AS A BACKGROUND DOCUMENT. THIS ISSUE WILL OF
COURSE BE A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY THE PREPARATORY
GROUP ITSELF.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PARIS 30328 01 OF 02 171459Z

2. AS THE COVER NOTE PUTS IT: "THE NOTE ATTEMPTS TO
FORMULATE THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT POLICY OBJECTIVE AND THE
ISSUES THIS RAISES (PARAGRAPHS 1-3); AND DISCUSSES
ELEMENTS OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT POLICY DECIDED FROM THE
COUNTRY RESPONSES AS DISCUSSED IN THE DRAFT OUTLINE
REVIEW OF EXPERIENCE WITH MEASURES ADOPTED IN MEMBER

COUNTRIES PAPER PREPARED FOR THE CONFERENCE (PARAGRAPHS 4 48)."

3. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF REF DOC TO HELP FACILITATE WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF SAME IN EVENT DOCUMENT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED. (MISSION MAILED DOCUMENT OCT. 11 BY AIR POUCH AND INTERNATIONAL MAIL.)

4. THE PAPER DEFINES THE BASIC POLICY OBJECTIVES AS THE REDUCTION OF "YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT, NOT ONLY IN THE SHORT TERM, BY PROVIDING A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF JOBS BUT IN THE LONGER TERM BY FACILITATING THE TRANSITION FROM THE WORLD OF EDUCATION TO STABLE EMPLOYMENT WITH SATISFYING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES".

5. SINCE ENOUGH JOBS WON'T BE AVAILABLE IN THE SHORT-TERM, THE ISSUE OF PRIORITIES WILL ARISE, E.G., BETWEEN CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED SCHOOL LEAVERS, THOSE WITH LONG DURATION UNEMPLOYMENT, THOSE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BUT WITH UNSTABLE WORK HISTORIES, OR DISADVANTAGED YOUTHS AND SCHOOL DROPOUTS.

6. SECOND ISSUE IS EXTENT TO WHICH OTHER GROUPS IN SOCIETY ARE TO BEAR BURDEN OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE FOR YOUTHS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 PARIS 30328 01 OF 02 171459Z

7. AS REGARDS THE ELEMENTS OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY, PAPER DESCRIBED THREE BROAD AREAS OF ACTION AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENTS: (A) JOB CREATION AND SUBSIDIZATION BIASED TOWARDS YOUTH; (B) FACILITATING EDUCATION-TO-WORK TRANSITION AND (C) LONGER-TERM POLICIES TO TACKLE STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS.

8. PRIVATE SECTOR
AMONG THE WAYS OF INCREASING EMPLOYMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE PAPER MENTIONS, INTER-ALIA, EMPLOYMENT AND RECRUITMENT SUBSIDIES, REDUCED SOCIAL SECURITY CHARGES, INCENTIVES TO RETAIN WORKERS DURING DOWNSWINGS, AND SUBSIDIES FOR LABOR-INTENSIVE "VOLUNTARY" OR "NON-PROFIT" ACTIVITIES.

9. REF DOC DISCUSSES JOB CREATION POSSIBILITIES WITHIN REGULAR GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES (STATE, LOCAL, FEDERAL) AS WELL AS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS THAT COMBINE PUBLIC FUNDING WITH PRIVATE INITIATIVE AND ENTERPRISE. PAPER DULY NOTES INFLATIONARY CONSTRAINTS ON SUCH OPTIONS, BUT SUGGESTS ROOM MAY STILL EXIST FOR EXPANDING "SERVICES THAT PROVIDE BENEFITS DIRECTLY TO THE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PARIS 30328 02 OF 02 171505Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 USIE-00 AID-05 CEA-01
CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 EA-12 FRB-01 INR-07 IO-14
NEA-10 NSAE-00 OPIC-06 SP-02 TRSE-00 LAB-04
SIL-01 AGRE-00 OMB-01 SS-15 SSO-00 INRE-00 NSCE-00
HEW-06 CU-06 L-03 /115 W

-----062435 171516Z /45

O 171500Z OCT 77

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0385

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 PARIS 30328

USOECD

PUBLIC AS WELL AS AIDING ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE."
EXAMPLES ARE DAY CARE; SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE
HANDICAPPED; OUT-REACH EMPLOYMENT COUNSELLING FOR THE
HARD TO EMPLOY; HEALTH CARE AND LEGAL-AID; CLEANING UP
AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT. PAPER SAYS SUCH SERVICES
COULD BE PARTIALLY OR FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING. SUCH AN
APPROACH COULD PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY LACKING IN OTHER
APPROACHES AND "THAT JOBS CAN BE QUICKLY TARGETTED TO
POCKETS OF HIGH YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT." PAPER ALSO
MENTIONS, IN PASSING, THE "CORPS" APPROACH, E.G., PEACE
CORPS AND CONSERVATION CORPS.

10. FACILITATING TRANSITION TO STABLE EMPLOYMENT -
THIS CHAPTER DEALS WITH INADEQUACIES OF VOCATIONAL AND
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AS WELL AS FORMAL EDUCATIONAL
SYSTEMS. PAPER REFERS TO "QUALITATIVE MISMATCHES BET-
WEEN ACQUIRED TRAINING AND ENTERPRISE MANPOWER REQUIRE-
MENTS" AND SUGGESTS THE PROBLEMS "CAN BE EASED THROUGH
FURTHER TRAINING AND EDUCATION OPTIONS BEING MADE
AVAILABLE TO WORKERS, AND THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE-TIME,
BUT ALSO BY CHANGES ON THE ENTERPRISE SIDE."

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PARIS 30328 02 OF 02 171505Z

IN THIS VEIN, PAPER PUTS FORWARD FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

(A) INCREASING NUMBER OF TRAINING PLACES FOR YOUNG, E.G., EXPANDING APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEMS TO COVER A BROAD-ER RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS; (B) DIRECT ACTION TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF WORKING LIFE THROUGH MEASURES TO IMPROVE JOBS E.G. BY REQUIRING ENTERPRISES TO SET ASIDE PART OF PROFITS EARNED IN GOOD TIMES FOR USE DURING RECESSIONS TO IMPROVE WORKING ENVIRONMENT; (C) IMPROVED CAREER GUID-ANCE AND JOB PLACEMENT MECHANISMS; (D) IMPROVED ACCESS FOR YOUNGER WORKERS TO, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOY-MENT IN, THE LABOR MARKET (E.G., REDUCING RELATIVE WAGES OF YOUTH, SHORTER WORK-WEEK, OVERTIME LIMITATIONS, WORK-SHARING; MORE PART-TIME WORK OPPORTUNITIES, MORE FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT AGE, COMPULSORY EXTENSION OF SCHOOL-ING.

11. INTEGRATING EDUCATION AND WORK OPTIONS -
THE THRUST HERE IS FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY BETWEEN WORK, EDUCATION, LEISURE AND RETIREMENT OPTIONS FOR ADULT WORKERS WHICH COULD INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH. PAPER SUGGESTS THAT RECURRENT EDUCATION AND "SABBATICAL" LEAVE ARE PERHAPS AMONG THE MOST PROMISING AVENUES.
SALZMAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: UNEMPLOYMENT, POLICIES, YOUTH GROUPS, PLANNING MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Oct-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977PARIS30328
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770381-0035
Format: TEL
From: PARIS USOECD
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19771052/aaaabscz.tel
Line Count: 197
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 2946ac2d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 892843
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PREPARATORY GROUP MEETING FOR HIGH LEVEL GROUP CONFERENCE ON YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT, OCT. 20-21
TAGS: ELAB, OECD
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/2946ac2d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009